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## ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, December 18, 2012, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 10:00 a.m. at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman William Berry, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Michael LaPidus, Allan Monat, Benjamin Reyes, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Greg Sronce and Roger Whalen. Staff members Marc Laino, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

## LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Reyes moved to approve the applications for 2013 submitted by the intertrack wagering location (OTB) licensees. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Scates moved to approve the applications for 2013 submitted by the intertrack wagering licensees. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner LaPidus moved to approve the applications for 2013 submitted by the concessionaires excluding the application for the Elk Grove Village OTB. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by a roll call vote.

Chairman Berry moved to appoint the Board's Executive Director as a delegate to temporarily act on the concessionaire application for the Elk Grove Village OTB, pursuant to Section 9(k) of the Act, until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a roll call vote of 8-1. Commissioner Byrne voted against the motion. William Johnston appeared on behalf of Maywood Park.

Chairman Berry moved to deny the 2013 advance deposit wagering applications based on a lack of statutory authorization for this form of gambling as of January 1, 2013. The denial is without prejudice to the applicants submitting their applications at a future date if a bill to re-authorize ADW in Section 26(g) of the Act were passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed by the Governor. Commissioner LaPidus seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a roll call vote of 8-1. Commissioner Schiewe voted against the motion.

Chairman Berry moved to appoint the Board's Executive Director if necessary, pursuant to Section 9(k) of the Act, as a delegate to temporarily act on the 2013 advance deposit wagering applications, as soon as the Governor signs a bill passed by the Illinois General Assembly to re-authorize ADW and until such time the Board is able to convene a meeting to vote on the applications. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The

Board approved the motion unanimously by a roll call vote. Tony Somone appeared on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association.

# ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner LaPidus moved to approve the list of racing officials for 2013 submitted by Hawthorne Race Course. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Arlington Park withdrew their request to initiate rulemaking to amend Part 502 (Licensing) until further notice.

#### **BOARD ITEMS**

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the following certification of the pari-mutuel tax credit authorized under Section 32.1 of the Act: Arlington Park - \$2,111,171.13; Balmoral Park - \$150,876.13; Fairmount Park - \$86,220.38; Maywood Park - \$283,809.63; and Hawthorne Race Course - \$543,369.51. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by a voice vote.

Commissioner LaPidus moved to approve the Board meeting schedule for 2013 with one exception. The August 13, 2013 meeting will be moved to August 15, 2013 at the Illinois State Fair. Chairman Berry seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a roll call vote of 8-1. Commissioner Sronce voted against the motion.

Jim Miller appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course and Dr. Dawn Folker and Domenic Dicera appeared on behalf of the Illinois Racing Board to provide an update on the EHV-1 outbreak at Hawthorne Race Course.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Berry moved to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2012 Board meeting. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Byrne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Berry seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino

Executive Director